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In response to office action dated 09/25/84 (Paper No. 10),
Applicant herewith provides the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 28-32, 36-44 and 46-47 in their
entirety and substitute the following new claims in their place.

48. In an inverter connected with a DC source and operable
to provide an AC voltage at an output, said inverter requiring
a manifest trigger pulse for initiating inverter operation, the
improvement comprising:

means to provide said trigger pulse, but only when a
load is connected across said output; and

means to make the inverter cease operating whenever
said load is disconnected from said output.